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1. August 1952

Grallspice
Meeting on 29 July 1952

Contact Report No. 18

1. [] arrived at the operational apartment at 1400 hours as had been arranged at the previous meeting.

Operational Matters.

2. Approaches to Soviet Target.

a. Grallspice and [] discussed various possibilities of successfully finding Russian-speaking Austrian girls for potential operational use. Both Grallspice and [] agreed that it was necessary to attempt to find a girl who could be injected into the opening available for a salesgirl at the Naschtmärkbazar on Faulmann-gasse. Grallspice explained that in attempting to find Austrian girls with a knowledge of Russian, he had tried a number of gimmicks, none of which seemed to offer any hope of concrete results. Grallspice hoped that sooner or later he would come up with some idea which would enable us to find the type of girls that seem so necessary for successful operations against the Soviets.

b. Grallspice had telephoned a number of language schools in Vienna under the pretense of looking for an advance student who could do translating work. None of the schools had any such student available. Most of the schools said that it might be possible in the fall when group instruction was resumed, for the present only private instruction was being given and most of the students were foreigners.

c. Grallspice and [] also discussed the possible uses of defector apartments which [] desires to set up. Grallspice was very interested in the possible course of action that could be taken if any Soviet officer were successfully lured into an American billet. Grallspice was of the opinion that if Soviet officers could be detained in any manner so that they would have to report back to their units either AOL or AWOL that there would be a fair chance of

obtaining defectors with merely that slight bit of pressure. Grallspace was also interested in the possibility of establishing some sort of organized warning system in downtown Vienna for the express purpose of spotting and reporting drunken Soviet officers who could be contacted by American agents or staff officers. He feels that without too much effort, especially after a more thorough casing of the various small bars in Vienna patronized by Soviet officers, it should be possible to establish such a warning system which could function efficiently and successfully. It was agreed that this matter would be discussed at greater length after [] had further considered the possibilities.

d. [] gave Grallspace a new set of emergency contact instructions for use in the event that we should need him on short notice in any matter regarding a Soviet defector. It was agreed that in such an eventuality, [] would call Grallspace's home telephone number (B-30 6 66) and give the following message:

"Die Gerte hat Mich gerade angerufen und hat gesagt dass ihre Mutter schwer krank ist. Kanst du sofort kommen?"

Grallspace would answer:

"Ich bin in zehn Minuten bei Dir."

[] would give his name on the telephone as "Herr Grossberger, the name normally used on the PCB outout telephone, and ask only for "Herr Walter." It was further agreed that in the event of such a call, Grallspace should go as quickly as possible to the northeast corner of the Neubauguertel and Stollgasse where he would be picked up by []

[] within fifteen minutes after the telephone call had been ended.

3. Johann GRIMSER or GRIMMSER.

a. Grallspace reported that on 24 July he had met through his landlady a man constantly referred to by THUILE as "Ivan." Grallspace had invited THUILE and one of the nurses from the Vienna nursing school to join him in the city. The Ivan mentioned by THUILE had met them apparently quite by accident. It turned out that his name is really Johann GRIMSER (or GRIMMSER), that his mother was a Russian, and his father-in-law is presently the General Director of the heating firm, KOERTING. GRIMSER appeared to be about thirty-two years old and quite harmless. He apparently makes some money by drawing caricatures and also allegedly is quite active in black-market activities. Grallspace was interested in knowing if we could check our files on this man.

Operational Elements.

4. Cover.

a. Grallspice reported that he had visited Lt. Davis, the U.S. Army Property Disposal officer in Vienna, on the morning of 28 July. Grallspice had discussed with Lt. Davis the possibility of buying surplus goods for LINDEX. Lt. Davis had been most cooperative and had told Grallspice that he was sure that it would be possible for LINDEX to do business with the U.S. Army, but explained that first it would be necessary for Grallspice to get permission from the G-4 section of USFA in Salzburg. He gave Grallspice a form to fill out and requested that Grallspice write a letter explaining the nature of the purchasing that LINDEX desired to engage in. He asked Grallspice to return to talk business with him as soon as the permission from Headquarters USFA had been received.

b. [] wrote the necessary letter to Headquarters USFA on behalf of Grallspice explaining the nature of the purchasing which LINDEX wished to do and requested that permission be granted for Grallspice as the representative of LINDEX in Vienna to place the necessary bids. Grallspice signed the letter and said that he would mail it through the regular Austrian mail the same afternoon.

c. Grallspice said that he also intended to write a letter to LINDEX concerning the results of his talk with Lt. Davis and asking them for bids on the various types of material and equipment that would be available in the USFA command.

Security.

5. Grallspice reported that he had two interesting security matters to report which are as follows:

a. While drinking in Grinzing with THUILE and two of his acquaintances from the Vienna nursing school, THUILE invited a lonely appearing man sitting at an adjacent table to join them for a glass of wine. The stranger, who was completely inebriated, turned out to be a Swede. THUILE proudly announced that her tenant, Grallspice, also was a Swede. When the Swede burst forth with a stream of Swedish, Grallspice could think of nothing better to do than exclaim, "Skol" and explain in German that the men must be polite and speak only German so that the ladies would understand. Grallspice said that their guest did not seem to be suspicious and that THUILE almost seemed to be convinced of Grallspice's bona fides as a born Swede.

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b. In the process of checking on his landlady, THUILE, Grallspace searched some of the cabinets in his apartment and discovered (1) a letter in which someone asked THUILE for 200 schillings which were needed for an urgent matter and (2) eight rounds of 11 mm. parabellum ammunition. Grallspace had decided that he would bring the matter of the ammunition to the attention of THUILE for his own protection and also as a slight test. He went to her and told her that while looking for a door key he accidentally had found the ammunition. THUILE seemed to be quite surprised and asked him where he had found it. Grallspace merely replied in the table and THUILE immediately ran to the proper one of three small end tables and picked up the ammunition. She said that someone must have left it behind and that she would throw it away because it was dangerous to have around the house. Grallspace told her that it was especially dangerous because it was a criminal offense to have such ammunition in ones possession. Grallspace commented that he found his landlady to be in general dishonest and although she claimed to have been a singer in her youth, he felt that she more than likely had been a high-class prostitute.

c. Grallspace feels rather uncertain as to just what type of activity his landlady is presently engaged in. He said that if she took the trip she had promised to take, he hoped to have a better opportunity to check out the apartment to find other evidences that might indicate that she is engaged in some sort of sub rosa activity. Grallspace feels that it is quite possible that THUILE is utilizing some of her friends from the Vienna nursing school as prostitutes.

Personal Matters.

6. Grallspace's Letters to Germany.

□ told Grallspace that he had investigated the matter of expediting letters from Grallspace to his wife and from his wife to Vienna and had discovered that it would be possible to send them part way through normal APO channels so that the letters would not be censored. □ told Grallspace that he could merely give letters to his wife to □ who would then put them in an envelope with a secure APO address as the return address. □ would address the letters to Grallspace's wife, or better still to a friend of Grallspace's wife. Grallspace immediately suggested that such letters be addressed to Frau T. RAUN, Memmingen/Fliegerhorst I, Germany, 13 b. Grallspace explained that Frau RAUN was his mother-in-law and that she automatically would give such letters to his wife when noting that the letter had come from an APO address. Grallspace was instructed to write a brief note

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to [redacted] wife explaining that in the future her letters should be addressed to Mr. Andrew J. Brown, c/o Postal Officer, APO 777, U.S. Army. Grallsplac seemed delighted that [redacted] appeared to have found some way of expediting his personal mail.

Close of Meeting.

[redacted] The next meeting was scheduled for 1 August at 1100 hours. [redacted] left the operational apartment at 1630 hours.

Distributions:

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